

## Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

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## CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON RESPONDS TO CAPITOL HILL EVACUATION: "We <u>Must</u> Do Better"

**Washington, DC** — Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, issued the following statement today on the evacuation of the U.S. Capitol and the White House due to a small plane entering restricted airspace over Washington, D.C.

"Today's events are fresh reminders of how vulnerable our nation remains, four years after the 9/11 attacks. For all the drills and the training that the Capitol Police and staff have undergone, today we were all still running around, in circles, trying to figure out where to go while the Capitol was at 'Red Alert.' We must do better."